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Re: Docket No. 030852-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing are an original and fifteen copies of AT&T's Response to Verizon's Motion to Compel AT&T Loop Discovery in the above referenced docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed," and returning the same to Lisa Sapper in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy W. Hatch

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cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Implementation of Requirements)
Arising From Federal Communications
Commission Triennial UNE Review:
Location Specific-Review for DS1, DS3,
And Dark Fiber Loops and RouteSpecific Review for DS1, DS3, and Dark)
Fiber Transport

Docket No.: 030852-TP

Filed: March 3, 2004

AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, LLC'S RESPONSE TO VERIZON FLORIDA, INC.'S MOTION TO COMPEL AT&T LOOP DISCOVERY

In response to Verizon Florida Inc.'s Motion to Compel AT&T Loop Discovery (hereinafter "Verizon Motion"), AT&T respectfully shows the Commission the following:

BACKGROUND

On February 2, 2004, Verizon Florida, Inc. (hereinafter "Verizon") served Verizon's Second Request for Admissions, Second Set of Interrogatories, and Second Request for Production of Documents (hereinafter "Verizon Discovery") on AT&T. AT&T filed objections to the Verizon Discovery on February 9, 2003. AT&T provided timely responses to those interrogatories on February 23, 2004. On February 25, 2004, Verizon filed a Motion to Compel asking the Commission to compel response to Interrogatory 25.

ARGUMENT

The full text of the interrogatory at issue and AT&T's response is cited below:

Interrogatory 25

In connection with AT&T's responses to the Florida Public Service Commission Staffs Data Request Loop Questions, please answer the following:

a. For each location where AT&T indicated that it cannot serve all customer (sic) at that location:

- (i) Explain how AT&T has terminated its fiber to serve the customer at that location.
- (ii) Explain the circumstances at that location that cause AT&T not to have access to the entire customer location, including each individual unit within that location.
- b. Identify the number of strands of fiber optic cables deployed to the location, the number that are dark, and the number that are lit.

AT&T's Response to 25:

- a. The information AT&T provided to the FPSC Staff AT&T did not include any such indications.
- b. AT&T has no information responsive to this interrogatory.

In Interrogatory 25, subpart (a), Verizon requests that AT&T answer Interrogatory 25 relating to the locations where "AT&T cannot serve all customer[s] at that location." AT&T responded to this subpart that there were none, rendering the remaining subparts of the Interrogatory not applicable. Quite simply, AT&T responded fully and completely to the Interrogatory as worded by Verizon. At best, the interrogatory is ambiguous and AT&T responded accurately and appropriately to the question as posed.

Once again, Verizon has attempted to use Rule 1.280 and 1.380 improperly. Indeed, Verizon requests that this Commission compel AT&T to provide a different response to a different interrogatory that was not asked by Verizon. This request of the Commission is plainly outside the scope of the Rules of Civil Procedure or the Administrative Code. If Verizon has information that AT&T responded improperly or incorrectly to its discovery, then Verizon is free to use that information on cross-examination to impeach AT&T's witnesses at the hearing. However, Verizon cannot be allowed to move to order AT&T to change its response to discovery in the guise of a Motion to Compel.

Accordingly, AT&T respectfully requests that Verizon's Motion to Compel be *denied*.

Respectfully submitted, this the day of March, 2004.

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